



# Newsletter

## Term 5: April 2022

Our Christian value this term is: Friendship



### FASCINATING FACTS

#### Friendship Bands

**Friendship bracelets** are usually handmade and given to a special **friend**. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your **friend** put in to making it.



#### Raksha Bandhan

One special type of **friendship** bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting **friendship**.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.



### HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Use your imagination to make the best **friendship** bracelet ever – using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

or, if you prefer...

make your own large version of the picture puzzle (over the page), joining 5 or 6 words about **friendship**. Either draw pictures or cut them out of magazines.



### READ TOGETHER...

#### Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend must** meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12



### FAMILY FOCUS

#### Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...



### QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.



## AWARDS

Certificates for all our stars and some rosettes to celebrate a wonderful showjumping weekend.



## WORSHIP

What a fantastic celebration worship. One of our youngest opened worship with such lovely confidence.



## UP AND UNDER SPORTS

Disco dancing in PE! Miss Law had to join in, it was brilliant fun. You should be dancing, yeah!

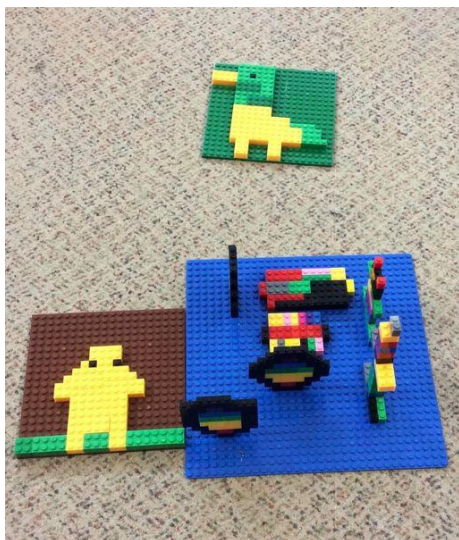


And from disco dancing to practicing some great cricket skills!! All ready to field the ball!



## KIDS WITH BRICKS (LEGO CLUB)

We have enjoyed more fantastic builds this term in Lego club, from ducks to puffer fish!!



## APRIL FOOLS

Help! There was a leak reported in the boys toilets!

You have to love an April Fool! Well done!!



## EASTER PARADE

The Easter bunny came to school before the Easter break! The children made wonderful bonnets - we had a parade and got to take home some tasty Easter eggs. Thank you NCSA.



## WREN CLASS

### Science



Wren class have been looking at ice. Icebergs are common in the polar regions; we wanted to see how they float and how ice melts.

### Forest School

Spring forest school: some lovely pinch, flower book marks. It is great to see the bluebells and cowslips in our wild flower area. The bees love them.



The children also enjoyed a scavenger hunt! Lots of colourful blossom and mini beasts to be found.

